

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: ) Before the Examiner Samuel M.D. NORVILLE, et al. ) K. Lin Serial No. 09/585,061 Group Art Unit 1722 Filed June 1, 2000 ) March 20, 2002 APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD) OF PRODUCING ON-DEMAND SEMI-SOLID MATERIAL FOR ) **CASTINGS** )

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2001, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified patent application.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 22, please replace the last paragraph as follows:

Additional design details regarding the type of vessel which is suitable for use as part of the present invention are disclosed in the copending patent application, Serial No. 09/585,296, filed on June 1, 2000, by inventors Norville, Lombard, and

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